FIG. 1
PURCHASER INTERFACE

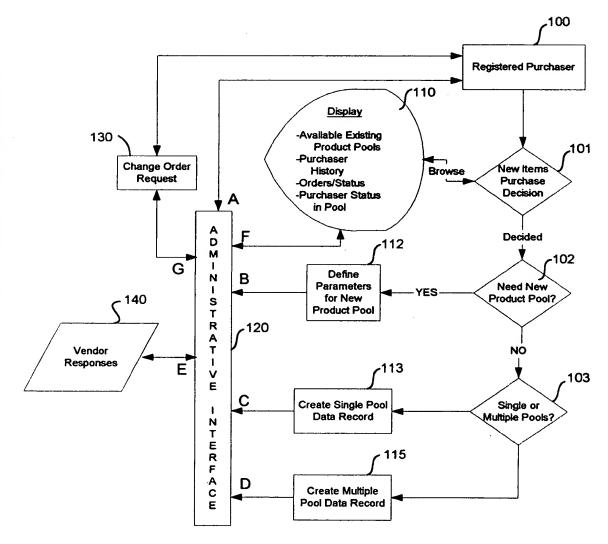
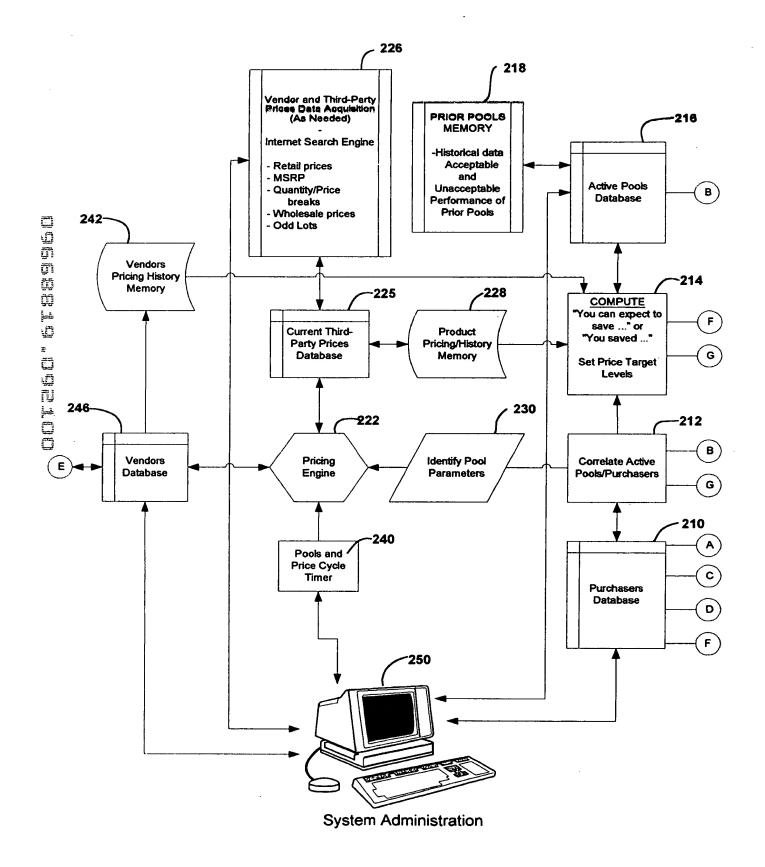


FIG.2
ADMINISTRATIVE PURCHASER/VENDOR INTERFACE



**PRICING PROCESS** 310 312 CALCULATE/DISPLAY **RECEIVE THIRD PARTY PRICE** MSRP AND "STREET INFORMATION PRICE" 314 318 CALCULATE NONBINDING CALCULATE EARLY **EXTRAPOLATED LOW PRICE BUYERS COMMITMENT** BASED ON DATA IN VENDORS PRICE AND OBTAIN EARLY HISTORYAND THIRD PARTY **BUYERS' COMMITMENT** PRICE TRENDS 320 - 322 **CALCULATE PURCHASE** CALCULATE/DISPLAY OFFERS TO VENDOR(S) BASED ON POOL SIZE, "You can expect to save ...: Ε THIRD PARTY PRICE FOR SINGLE OR MULTIPLE BREAKS, EXTRAPOLATED ITEM ORDERS **LOW PRICE** C 327 325 IS THERE AN **NOTIFY BUYERS ACCEPTABLE** NO-D VENDOR OFFER? **CLOSE POOL** -332 YES 330 **OBTAIN LATE BUYERS'** CALCULATE LATE BUYER **COMMITMENTS AND COMMITMENT TARGET** NOTIFY EARLY BUYER(S) PRICE AND EARLY BUYER OF EARLY BUYER PRICE PRICE ADVANTAGE **ADVANTAGE** 334 **NEGOTIATE** WITH VENDORS **UNTIL POOL CYCLE TIMES** OUT 336 340 CALCULATE **NOTIFY BUYERS FINAL PRICES** AND VENDORS AND CONDUCT CHECKOUT **CLOSE POOL OR** POOL CYCLE **PROCESS** 342 -**INTEGRATE MULTIPLE POOL PURCHASES** 

(IF APPLICABLE)

FIG. 3

FIG. 4
PURCHASER POOL FORMATION DETERMINATION

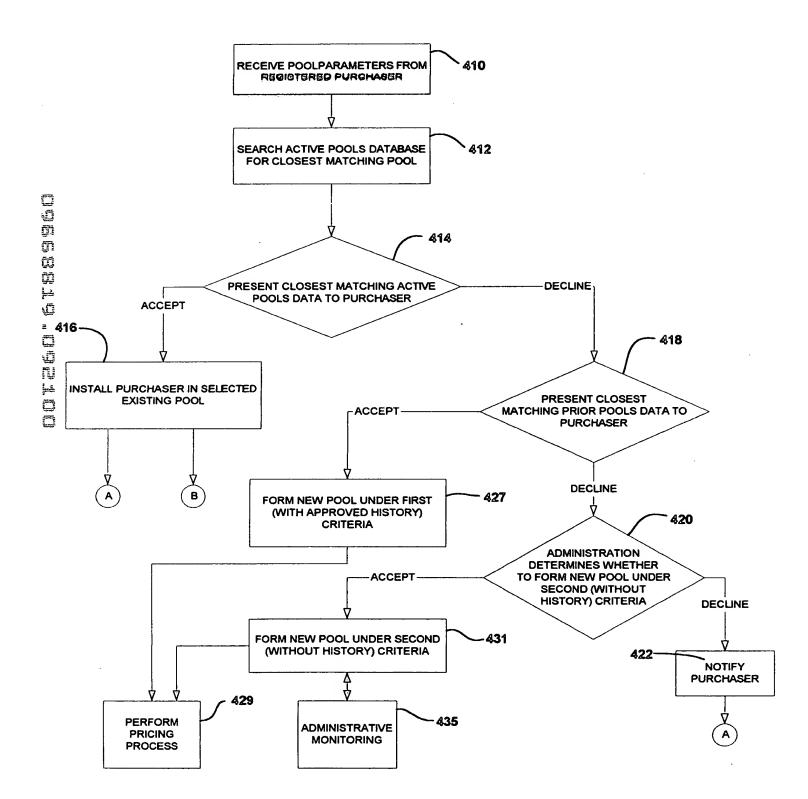


FIG. 5 VENDOR POOL FORMATION

